Smoke Detector Disposal Information

he most common type of smoke detector used in residential homes contains a minute amount of radioactive material*. Although the amount of radioactive material contained in these detectors is so small that it does not pose a risk to human health, some localities, including Santa Barbara, do not allow them to be disposed of with municipal waste. In this case, smoke detectors that contain radioactive material can be returned to the manufacturer for disposal. When returning a smoke detector to the manufacturer, include a note that indicates that the detector is intended for disposal and mail it to the address listed on the back of the detector.

The following manufacturers/distributors of smoke detectors will take back smoke detectors that they manufacture:

MANUFACTURER/			
DISTRIBUTOR	PHONE NUMBER	ADDRESS FOR RETURN	NOTES
AMERICAN SENSORS/ DICON	(800) 387 4219	Call to receive a reference number and return information	Accepts "Dicon" and "American Sensors" brands only
AMWAY CORPORATION	(616) 787-6000	7575 East Fulton Street ADA, MI 49355	No longer manufacturing smoke alarms
FIRST ALERT/ BRT	(800) 323-9005	Customer Service Department 3920 Enterprise Court Aurora, IL 60504	Accepts up to four detectors at a time
G.E. SECURITY/ ESL	(503) 692-4052	12345 Southwest Levetan Drive Tualatin, OR 97062	Will accept "ESL" brand only
HONEYWELL	(800) 328-5111	Returned Goods, Honeywell Inc. Dock 4-MN10-3860 1885 Douglas Drive Golden Valley, MN 55422	cstrcare@honeywell.com
INVENSYS/ FIREX	(800) 445-8299	Invesys Controls c/o Firex 28 C Leigh Fisher Boulevard El Paso, TX 79906	technicalservice@invensys.com
KIDDE	(800) 880-6788	1394 South 3rd Street Mebane, NC 27302	
SEARS	local number	Some Sears locations are designated collection sites	Call to find out if your local Sears will accept smoke detectors
SYSTEM SENSORS	(800) 736-7672 ext. 1	Call to receive a reference number and return information	Will accept "System Sensor" brand only
USI ELECTRIC	(800) 390-4321	7A Gwynns Mill Court Owings Mills, MD 21117	Return only detectors that say "ionization" on the back

^{*}Ionization type smoke detectors contain Americium 241. Photoelectric type detectors do not contain radioactive material.

